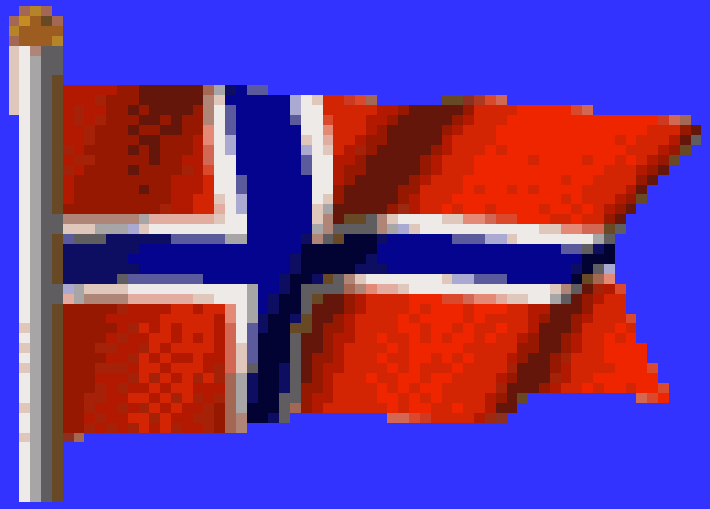
# TRAVELER'S BRIEFING



# NORWAY
# (Kongeriket Norge)

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# BACKGROUND

Full Name:  Kingdom of Norway

Capital: Oslo

Population: 4,438,547 (est)

Type of government: Constitutional Mo

Head of government: King Harald V

PM Kjell Bondevik

Official language(s) Norwegian

Economy: Welfare Capitalist

Religions: Evangelical Lutheran (87.8%)

# TRAVEL

**Travel restrictions: None.**

## INFORMATION

**International Airport: Oslo/Gardermoen International**

**Flights from Frankfurt: SAS, Lufthansa**

**Other methods of arrival: Ship/Ferry**

**U.S. Embassy address: Drammensveien 18 (near Royal Palace),**
**TEL (47) 22-44-85-50 Fax (47) 22-56-27-51 internet:www.http.**

**Transportation: Public transportation: Good.**

**Urban Roads/Maintenance: Good.**

**Rural roads/Maintenance: Good.**

**Availability of roadside assistance: Good.**

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# ENTRY/EXIT

**Travel Necessities: U.S. Passport. Military personnel must bring ID card and leave orders . If PCS or TDY, attachment of NATO travel order is required. U.S. Citizens may stay 90 days without a visa. The 90 days begins when you enter :Norway, Sweden,Finland, Iceland or Denmark. Dependents traveling on a blue (no fee) passport do not require a visa.**

**The following items may not be brought into the country: poisons, medicines (except small amounts for personal use), animals, birds, meats, sausages, milk, eggs, and live plants with roots. Narcotics, firearms, ammunition, and explosives are restricted.**

**Clothes, personal use items, and ordinary travel equipment may be imported duty free. Foodstuffs (1 kg chocolate, 5 kg sugar, 5 kg Scandanavian meats, and 200 kroners of agricultural products may be imported duty free if intended for personal/family use. If 20 or over, one liter of spirits (not to exceed 60% alcohol) and two liters of beer. If 16 or over, you may import 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of other tobacco**

# HELPFUL HINTS

**Special restrictions: Photographing of defense installations is prohibited. Aerial photographs with personal cameras is illeɑal.**
**Norway is especially tough on drunk driving laws.**

**Electricity: Frequency: 50 hz**

**Volts: 230**

**Plug types: C and F**

# MONEY

**Currency restrictions: Norwegian banknotes, checks, money orders, may be imported unrestricted. For export, up to 5000 kroner may be taken out. Most hotels restaurants, and shops will accept up to $20 bills. Banks will accept larger denominations.**

**Rate:Approximate: 6.65 kroner for $1**

# HEALTH

**Major threats: diarrhea, cold weather injuries**

**Availability of medical services: widely available in urban areas, may be restricted outside of cities. The Embassy maintains a list of emergency service providers. Serious medical problems involving hospitalization or evacuation to the U.S. can cost thousands of dollars. Doctors and hospitals often expect immediate cash payments.**
**Medical Insurance: May not apply in Norway. Check with your policy advisor to see if you are covered or will be reimbursed.**

**Status of hospitals: Good**

**Health Precautions: None**

**Immunizations: Hep A (recommended, Hep B (recommended), and tetanus-disptheria boosters (recommended).**

# FORCE PROTECTION

**Country Clearance: Required for all military personnel visiting Norwegian government military and defense industrial facilities. You obtain this by going through your S3/G3 section. This must be done at least 30 days ahead of scheduled visit. DV visits will also be coordinated through G3/S3 channels. Clearance is not needed for visiting other**

**Briefings: AT/FP level I brief from command's Level II trainer or equivalent.**

**No additional force protection measures are required**

# CRIME

**Criminal Activities: Low crime rateResidential burglaries, auto theft, , pickpockets, and vandalism to parked cars. Report the loss or theft of a passport immediately to local police and the U.S. Embassy**

**Norway is strict on: drug importation and DWI. Drugs which are legal for personal use in neighboring countries may not be allowed in Norway. Imprisonment, fines, and deportation are the penalty for violating Norway's drug laws.**

# WEATHER

http://cnn.com/WEATHER/html/OsloNorway.html

http://cnn.com/WEATHER/html/StavangerNorway.ht

Http://www.weatherunderground.com/
global/stations/01384.html

# CLOTHING

**Uniform restrictions: Uniform may not be worn unless part of flight crew or given special permission by command.**

**Norway is a cold-weather climate year round. However, the temperatures are confortable during the summer.**

# This concludes the TRAVELLER'S BRIEFING for

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